



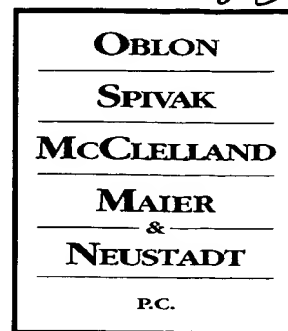
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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**PTO COVER LETTER (IN DUPLICATE)
RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION**

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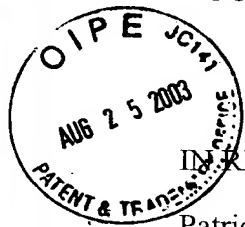
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In response to the Official Action of July 24, 2003, Applicants elect, with traverse,
Group I, Claims 1-23, drawn to a process of making a lactic acid bacterial culture in a
medium containing at least one porphyrin compound.

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